What’s happening in…

2A
What an exciting couple of weeks we have had. Year 2A has been busy learning about environmental print and using symbols to create pieces of art. We have read numerous picture books and created new events to change the story but keeping the plot, the characters and the ending the same. We know about pronouns, noun groups, adjectives and verbs and can write using conjunctions to create more interesting sentences.

In maths we are learning about data this week and will be using tally marks to create graphs.

We have also drawn some awesome charcoal pictures of ourselves using proportion and shading.

In science we are exploring our earth and the need to conserve water. We have talked about the amount of water on our earth and how only 3% of all the earth’s water is potable. That means it can be used by humans for drinking. We will be talking about turning off the tap to wash the car, the dog and even brush our teeth. We will be thinking of ways to save water at home and at school.
**Dates to Remember**

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**Unexplained Absences**

**PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ABSENCES**

If your student is away for any reason there are several ways of notifying the school.

- Send a note with your child
- Phone on 07 4975 8366
- Email on absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

**Contact Details**

We would like to remind all parents if you have moved or changed your contact details over the holidays please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

**Newsletter Distribution**

The newsletter is published every Monday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing vnoco1@eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

**Office hours are 8am-4pm**

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**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

**Captain Nominations**

Wow, can you believe we’re half way through the final term already? Preparation has already begun for next year and this includes the selection process for school captains. Starting today, students in Year Five and Year Six can go to the office to get a nomination form to be considered for a captain position next year. Nominating students will have to answer selection criteria that highlights why they would be an honourable captain for Calliope State School.

As it is both the current Year Five and Year Six students who will have their last year at Calliope next year, both grades will be able to nominate for all positions. It will be an even playing field with the best candidates being selected and voted for. Nominations are due next week on Monday the 11th of November. Short listed students will be told on the 15th November if their application was accepted, this will allow successful applicants to prepare their speeches.

**Extended Learning Programs**

Over the next few weeks, certain students have been nominated to attend Extended Learning Programs at various schools across Gladstone, Boyne and Tannum. The focus for these days is on Gifted and Talented students who have excelled in specific areas like swimming, writing, ICTs and science.

These Extended Learning Programs place students in groups made up of kids from all over the region to problem solve and develop their skills in the chosen areas. Students must make their own way to the specified school on the day but it will be a great experience that won’t be forgotten quickly.

*Have a great week,*

Jaime Perkins

*Acting Deputy Principal*
**Instrumental Music News**

**Instrumental Music Band News**

Why Instrumental Music?
Music Education facilitates students’ academic achievement:
- Improves recall and retention of verbal information.
- Advances Maths skills.
- Boosts reading and English language skills.

There is a high relationship between interest in Instrumental Music and high self-perception, high cognitive competence scores and general self-esteem.

**RECRUITMENT for year 3 and 4**
It is that time of year again when we are looking for students for our 2014 Band program.

- **November 8** Letters of offer for positions will be handed out to students
- **November 15** Permission letters for 2014 participation due back
- **November 28** Parent information night for all 2014 beginner students

**Continuing Students DATE CLAIMERS**
- Band Tour to Yeppoon: 21 and 22 November.
  Letters are being finalised and will be sent home soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to combine with other schools musically and socially.
  All beginners and Continuing students are expected to attend all band rehearsals in preparation for Band tour.
- Calliope Community Christmas Concert: Friday night 29th November.

**BAND SHIRTS**
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop. All students will need a full band uniform for tour.

App for iPhones/iPads/iPods to help with practise and Standard of Excellence Books.

**STEP ONE:** Please upload all cd’s from the Standard of Excellence books onto iTunes.
**STEP TWO:** Download app called: Tempo Slow
This app allows the student to slow down the piece of music to make it easier for the students to play along with the music.
School Banking

School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times.

Community News

Autism Spectrum Conditions
Family Support Group Meeting
DATES: Fridays:, 29 November, 13 December
WHERE: The HUB 5 Buller Street, Gladstone
TIME: 6:30 pm to 8:00pm for more information 0427750130
autismsupport4680@hotmail.com

Caring for Kids in Our Community
There is an ongoing need for foster carers in Gladstone. Keeping children in our local community assists to reduce the trauma they experience when separated from their families, and also helps increase the chances of the family being reunited. The more foster carers Anglicare's Foster, Kinship and Intensive Care Program is able to recruit the better outcomes for children and young people who require out-of-home-care. Anglicare requires a diverse range of foster carers to meet the diverse range of needs of children in care, in order to match the needs of the children to carers’. Foster carers need a strong commitment to children. They need the ability to be flexible, patient and understanding. A good sense of humour is certainly beneficial. A supportive network of family and friends is also important. We encourage you to call and speak with a member of our foster care team on 4972 8220.

Stars of the Week

Prep A – Taylah
Prep C – Sommer
Yr 1A – Aylish
Yr 1B – Caleb
Yr 1C – Keera
Yr 2A – Tayla
Yr 2C – Akayla
Yr 3A – Ebony
Yr 3/4C – Corey
Yr 4A – Jacksen
Yr 5A – Ebony
Yr 5B – Matthew
Yr 6B – Shayden
Yr 7A - Georgia

KING AND I
Many Students and Teachers are involved in this production. Come and see our amazing community in action. This is the first concert in the new Convention Centre.
Gladstone Convention Centre
November 7th- 7:30PM
November 9th- 12:30PM and 7:30PM
Adults $20
Children/pensioners/students $18
Tickets are available from the Gladstone Convention Centre.

Remembrance Day 2013
Calliope RSL Sub Branch will conduct a Remembrance Day service at the Calliope Cenotaph beside the RSL Hall, Stirrat Street, Calliope on Monday 11th November 2013. Service will commence at 10.45am and conclude at 11.15am. Veterans, Returned and serving service members, community representatives and members of the public are cordially invited to attend the service and may lay a wreath if they wish. Complimentary cold drinks will be available for service attendees and following the service, the annual Remembrance Day raffle will also be drawn. For further information please contact President Daryl Turner on 49756667 or Secretary Darryl Saw on 49785621.
Gladstone Regional Council’s popular youth holiday program, SUNfest, is back in 2014. More than 40 fun and exciting activities have been organised for January 7-16. Programs are available at Council’s website, administration centres and schools throughout the region from November 4. Tickets go on sale from Wednesday, December 4, at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Don’t miss out, grab a program today!

Preparatory Year
Enrolment and Information Packages are now available for children entering Prep in 2013. The following table will assist you to determine when your child/ren are eligible to commence Prep. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that a birth certificate and immunisation records be sighted, so please present these documents upon enrolment.

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P & C Annual Christmas Raffle
Tickets for our annual Christmas raffle is be available to purchase from this Wednesday, purchases can be made each morning at the front and on Friday mornings at parade. The tickets will be 50c each and the raffle will be drawn at the last parade of the year. The P&C are asking each family to donate non-perishable items for the Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to drop off your donation.